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FOR ARA ASST. SECY ROGERS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, GY
SUBJECT: THIRD-COUNTRY ISSUES AS THEY AFFECT GOG

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1. NONE OF THE PROBLEM AREAS YOU LISTED IS A QUOTE GUT ISSUE UN-QUOTE HERE IN GUYANA, EITHER WITH GOG OR WITH GUYANESE PUBLIC. ON THE OTHER HAND, INABILITY ON OUR PART TO RESOLVE CUBAN, PANAMANIAN AND/OR OPEC QUESTIONS IN FORM SATISFACTORY TO THIRD WORLD PRETENSIONS WILL BE REGARDED AS FURTHER PROOF OF GOG CONTENTION THAT QUOTE CAPITALIST SOCIETIES UNQUOTE ARE OUT OF TOUCH WITH REALITIES OF INTERNATIONAL POWER STRUCTURE OF LAST QUARTER 20TH CENTURY.

2. GOG SPOKESMEN HAVE AVOIDED FOR THE MOST PART MAKING UNILATERAL PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENTS ON HEMISPHERIC QUESTIONS WHERE THEIR POSITIONS ARE OPPOSED TO OURS. THEY PREFER THE REFUGE OF NUMBERS, E.G. UNGA RESOLUTIONS, NAM DECLARATIONS, JOINT COMMUNIQUES CONNECTED WITH STATE VISITS, ETC. THE GOVT-OWNED PRESS LEANS HEAVILY, HOWEVER, ON ANTI-U.S. SIDE OF VIRTUALLY EVERY CONTROVERSIAL INTERNATIONAL ISSUE. WHILE THIS INCLUDES STRICTLY HEMISPHERIC
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ISSUES, THE MAIN FOCUS OF PRESS ATTENTION IS ON NEW INTERNATIONAL

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ECONOMIC ORDER AND DE-COLONISATION.

3. THE DISMANTLING OF OAS SANCTIONS AT SAN JOSE HAS ATTRACTED MINIMAL ATTENTION AND NO RPT NO COMMENT. PROGRESS TOWARD NORMALIZATION OF U.S. CUBA RELATIONS WOULD, AS I POINTED OUT IN MY LETTER OF JULY 16, BE HARD FOR BURNHAM TO FAULT. IF HANDLED WITH DELIBERATE SPEED AND ACCOMPANIED BY APPROPRIATE GESTURES ON OUR PART, RECIPROCOL MOVES WOULD BE REGARDED AS POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT BY GOG AND GUYANESE PUBLIC. CANAL ISSUE SEEMS REMOTE TO GUYANESE, EXCEPT AS IT REPRESENTS A MANIFESTATION OF QUOTE ECONOMIC IMPERIALISM UNQUOTE, BUT GUYANESE WOULD GIVE US A LUKEWARM PAT ON BACK IF WE BOTH NEGOTIATED AND RATIFIED A NEW TREATY. FAILURE ON OPEC EXCLUSION IN CONGRESS WOULD GET LITTLE MORE THAN QUOTE I TOLD YOU SO UNQUOTE NOTICE.
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